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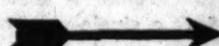
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THIS SOBBING little girl of 14 months was found in the washroom of Pittsburgh's County Courthouse. Her mother had pinned to the baby a note saying: "I have no food for her—no place to stay. So please put her in a home." Aren't unions awful? They want decent homes and wages for the parents of tots like this one.



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MICHIGAN DEMOCRATS HIT RED-BAITING

By WILLIAM ALLAN

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., March 2.—More than 1,000 delegates at the Michigan State Democratic Party convention approved a program yesterday against witch-hunts and anti-labor legislation. Unanimous endorsement was given to FEPC and mobilization of the people's campaign against the Big Business-dominated regime of Republican Governor Kim Sigler.

Convention keynoter Senator Glen H. Taylor of Idaho, sparked the gathering by rapping national and local "Communist-hunting which is the shield in 1947 to cover reaction's attack on the people's living standards and labor organizations."

Taylor warned that "we must work with Russia and defeat the policy of disaster advocated by the GOP of quarreling with our great ally." Sharp criticism was levelled at American newspapers by the Senator from Idaho, who charged that newspapers today are "seeking to swing the people away from working with the Russians."

Taylor struck a warm note for a large section of the convention when he declared that the Democrats, "if they want to win in '48 cannot nominate a middle of the road'er, but must place a liberal in the field."

The road to disaster, he said, lies



SEN. TAYLOR

along the path of trying to outconservative the Republicans. A boost for President Truman by Taylor during the course of his speech, received a very thin round of applause.

In a blistering resolution the convention condemned Sigler and the GOP for starving the state schools for funds; underpaying state employees; maintaining a housing crisis; attacking labor; engaging in fanatical red-baiting; seeking to scuttle FEPC and attempting to institute new taxes on the people while letting the monopolies go scot free.

Full support was given by the convention to the teachers' fight for higher wages. A demand for a minimum wage of \$2,500 a year for teachers was endorsed.

A negative note in the convention was the election of John R. Franco, Royal Oak paper merchant and usher in Father Coughlin's Shrine of the Little Flower church, as state chairman of the Democratic Party.

Franco was bitterly opposed by New Deal and labor delegates.

Franco was for all things for all men in his campaign. His sponsors characterized him as "a fighter for the rank and file, against the bureaucrats and an opponent of the Wall Street boys." The theme was reminiscent of fascist-minded "Silver" Charlie Coughlin in his heyday.

A slate was nominated for State Supreme Court judges and other officers. A taxation program based on ability to pay, was adopted.

WORLD EVENTS

Martial Law in Palestine

British authorities yesterday imposed martial law on the Jewish quarter of Jerusalem, all of Tel Aviv and a 20-mile stretch of coastal settlements. British troops are conducting a manhunt for Jewish extremists who were allegedly responsible for attacks yesterday in which 21 persons

were killed and 54 injured. More than 350,000 Jews in the three areas were placed under a virtual state of siege, isolated from telephone, telegraph, railway and highway communication with the outside world.

The search started at dawn and by noon at least 100 Jews had been arrested. More than 8,000 troops and police were sent into the areas to enforce the order forbidding anyone to leave their houses.

Troops entrenched themselves in the streets of the modern all-Jewish city of Tel Aviv, with an estimated population of nearly 300,000 and took up strategic positions on rooftops. New gun emplacements protected by barbed wire and sandbags were thrown up on the city's outskirts.

More than 30,000 were isolated in the Mea Shearim quarter of Jerusalem, where no one but troops, police and correspondents were permitted to move in the streets.

Meanwhile the death toll in Saturday's destruction of the British officers club in the heart of Jerusalem rose to 18 when two more persons died of their wounds. Fourteen were injured there and three killed and 40 wounded in a dozen other attacks throughout the Holy Land last night.

Maj. Gen. R. M. Gale, commander of the British 1st division, said that 8,000 troops had been sent into Tel Aviv when martial law was declared effective there at noon.

British high commissioner Sir Alan Cunningham, in declaring martial law, said, "The government is withdrawing the normal facilities of civil government."

"Severe measures now are neces-

sary as the result of lack of cooperation by Jewish organizations," he declared.

The martial law decree threatened to paralyze Palestine industry, most of which is centered in the 20-mile belt north of Tel Aviv. Under the decree, military courts with exclusive jurisdiction of criminal cases replace civil courts and the army takes over banks, communications and transport.

David Ben Gurion, president of the Jewish Agency, convened a special meeting of the Agency's executive and it was expected that the Agency's reply to the martial law decree would be issued later.



Cunningham

U.S. BUILDS SECRET IRANIAN ARMY, PRAVDA CHARGES

MOSCOW, March 2 (UP).—Pravda, official organ of the Communist Party, charged today that U. S. Col. Norman Schwartzkopf is organizing an American-controlled force of 40,000 men in Iran under the guise of supervising Iranian gendarmerie.

Pravda writer Boris Isakov said it was "impossible to contest the fact that Iranian gendarmerie headed by Schwartzkopf actually was turned long ago into an American instrument."

"In Iran, alongside the regular Iranian army, there exists in the form of a gendarmerie an independent force—a second army. This fact deserves attention."

Isakov said that Schwartzkopf, former commander of New Jersey State Police, recently announced



CEN. SCHWARZKOPF
Called Iran Army's Boss

formation of four new gendarmerie regiments, bringing the total number of men under his command to 40,000.

Schwartzkopf is reequipping this force with tanks, planes and other modern weapons of war purchased by an Iranian commission in the United States, Isakov charged. He said the colonel was nominally an adviser but in practice was chief of "Iran's second army."

BEVIN AND BIDAULT meet tomorrow at battered Dunkerque to sign an Anglo-French alliance against German aggression. The alliance contemplates a three-power guarantee, based on the 20 year Anglo-Soviet pact, soon to be revised, and the 20 year Franco-Soviet alliance.

CHIANG TO STEP UP WAR

Twenty-hour hours after dictator Chiang Kai-shek took over the premiership of China, he announced his intention of intensifying the civil war. Chiang assumed the president-premier position after his brother-in-law T. V. Soong resigned.

Chiang's statement foreshadowed an "all-out war against the Communists" United Press reported from Nanking. Meanwhile dispatches from the fighting areas revealed a smashing defeat for Chiang's troops in Shantung province and another one shaping up in Manchuria.

British Communists Debate Crisis Program

By George Tate Wireless to the Daily Worker

LONDON, March 2.—Plans calling for drastic changes in the Labor Government's handling of the present economic crisis in Britain were outlined last week at the 19th Congress of the British Communist Party.

General Secretary Harry Pollitt declared the government must stop placating Big Business interests and fight them as the people had elected it to do.

He also demanded firmer control of the coal industry in the hands of the workers and the labor movement. The Coal Board should consist of a majority of trade union leaders and in the meantime an emergency committee composed of representatives of the miners, the government, managers and foremen should be appointed, he said.

The major amendment to the political resolution of the executive was put forward by delegates from Hertford. They accused the leadership of having abandoned the perspective of the proletarian revolution and of committing the party to "the support of a government of

social traitors who are leading the country to economic disaster and the victory of reaction."

"The coal crisis has borne out the fact that it is an expression of the final crisis of British monopoly capitalism," said the mover of the amendment. "We must endeavor to use the economic crisis for the overthrow of the economic system."

Betty Matthews, of the Southeast Midlands District, was loudly applauded when she vehemently opposed the amendment which she described as a symptom of "an infantile disorder."

"They say the only solution to economic crisis is the proletarian revolution," she said. "In other words, if the British workers don't organize a revolution tomorrow, catastrophe is inevitable. There isn't a single word in the amendment about the menace of the Tories. We are invited to join hands with the Tories and the big industrialists to weaken the Labor Government."

"This policy completely ignores the power of the working class to direct the affairs of the nation. It reveals the lowest depths of political irresponsibility."

HORNER SPEAKS

Other speakers also strongly denounced the amendment and when it was put to the congress it received a little squeaking "aye," and a roaring "no."

Replying to the discussion later, Pollitt said that two promising branches had been destroyed by the proposers of the amendment and it would be one of the first jobs of the new executive to reorganize them.

A tremendous welcome was given to Arthur Horner, a Communist, who, as general secretary of the National Union of Mineworkers, is a key man in Britain's fight for fuel.

Horner warned that if the Government's present plans were all it could offer the mines, the present crisis would be infinitesimal compared with what would arise next year.

He declared the government must give priority to the coal, iron, steel and transportation industries, and agriculture. That might mean a contraction of imports, he said, but the alternative was to use up the American loan and be left without a firm industrial base.

PRESIDENT TRUMAN authorized Under-Secretary of State Dean Acheson to fill in details of U. S. plans to underwrite British military intervention in Greece. Most GOP leaders gave assent to proposals to take over British empire commitments.

An Empire Turns to U.S. as Receiver

By Joseph Starobin

The average American must be a little groggy this morning as he goes over the newspaper or tries to follow the radio as the kids are preparing for school. Mondays are usually groggy. This Monday is worse.

The national budget, say the Republicans, is too high—but a former GOP President, who went to Europe to "save money for the taxpayers" returns with a proposition to funnel \$475,000,000,000 into western Germany.

Expenses are enormous, say the Republicans who promised us all a 20 percent tax cut. Yet along comes a proposition to ladle out \$350,000,000 to "take over the British positions in Greece."

And that is on top of another \$350,000,000 which is supposed to go to deserving countries in Europe—not Russia, of course—but including Greece.

In one week, a billion dollars are being tossed around.

A MESS OF DOUGH AND POLITICS

But it isn't only the dough—it's the politics that has our citizens groggy.

On all sides we are told that we must meet the "challenge" of Communism by re-dedicating ourselves to "democratic" ideals, the wisdom of the Founding Fathers and all that.

This means, you would think, that the United States of America stands for anti-monarchist regimes and favors the right of each country to determine its own affairs. If we're to go back to first principles, our foreign policy should be anti-monarchist and anti-imperialist.

Along comes a proposition to take over the British position in Greece—which means an extension of American imperialism and the

backing of a highly unpopular and unstable monarchist dictatorship. Do you hear the rumble? It is George Washington, father of the country, whose birthday we celebrated only last week, turning over in his grave....

Examine this idea further, and there's a real gimmick in it.

The radio announcers are boozing that we just have to face up to the facts and try to do in the 20th century what the British did in the 19th.

You would think this means that the British are actually pulling out of Greece, which they promised to do after the last election.

But it seems the British are not pulling out at all; they are keeping their troops there, and the United States is supposed to lay out the cash.

After two years of defending "Western Civilization" at the cost of turning the glory of Greek resistance into a bloody and unholy mess, the British are down to the bottom of the till.

A sensible man would say that if it cost them fifty million bucks and they need the man-power at home, and the Greek governments are still unstable, the British should pull out and let the Greeks run their own affairs.

Oh, no. That's too practical for our sensible Anglo-Saxon friends. Instead of pulling out of Greece, they want to pull us in.

They keep their soldiers in Greece and we pay for it—of course, with the right to get American supervisors on the scene. American imperialists, you understand, want to keep a solid foot in the door of their best friend's home.

AND THE REST OF THE EMPIRE?

If it's Greece today, why not Palestine tomorrow, and India the day after? If it's money today, won't it be troops tomorrow?

And so the United States will try to keep the rotten heap of the empire together and sit on the heap at the same time. All of which yr humble servant, the American worker, pays for out of his nose....

Gentlemen, it is much later than you think. The British may figure they can mortgage their empire to Wall Street now and then work their way back into it. Wall Street may figure that now's the time to buy up a bankrupt enterprise—cheap.

But if Americans will think twice, let them realize that we cannot take over this empire without coming into direct conflict with half a billion people, and thus make ourselves the most hated people on earth, as the British and the Germans have been until now.

The peoples of the empire are marching toward their freedom, and they will have it. The United States cannot stop that march; it can spend billions trying to do so, but it cannot succeed. If we are beginning to realize this in China, how much more true it is in Greece!

LET THE PEOPLE DECIDE

The only policy that suits American interests is a policy of letting each people in the empire liberate itself, determine its own affairs. Let a new world come into being, the world for which the peoples fought and beat the Axis.

Only such a world means stability. Only with such a world can we trade. Only on the basis of such a world can we have a genuine agreement with the Soviet Union at the forthcoming Moscow conference.

Americans don't want to pull anyone's chestnuts out of the fire. And the way to avoid that is to put out the fire—which means to end the policy of holding back the rest of the world from stability, democracy and peace.

LABOR and the NATION



Still Stalling: Members of the Buffalo Board of Education are shown meeting, while all city's schools remain closed by strike of teachers for higher wages. The Board has been placed in charge of negotiations by the Republican city administration.

Buffalo Strike in 2d Week; Penn. Teachers on Move

BULLETIN

BUFFALO, N. Y., March 2 (UP).—Mayor Bernard J. Dowd, in the first indication of a settlement of the teachers' strike, said tonight he would recommend appropriation of sufficient money to meet salary schedules believed acceptable to the teachers. Dowd said his recommendation was based on a salary schedule submitted by the Board of Education. Board members, he said, intimated that the schedule, providing \$625 annual increases, would meet with teacher approval.

BUFFALO, N. Y., March 2.—The teachers strike here headed into its second week today with city officials still refusing to grant increased wages. The city's 98 public schools are closed and undoubtedly will remain closed tomorrow.

In Philadelphia it was announced that a statewide teachers' march on Harrisburg, the state capitol, would take place Monday afternoon, March 17, to press for higher wages. In Detroit, where the AFL Federation of Teachers has set March 20 as a strike date, the city was warned that a 24-hour general stoppage by AFL unions would take place in support of the teachers, if they are forced to walk out.

The CIO Teachers Union in New York yesterday demanded that Gov. Dewey scrap the report of his special committee on education, which it termed a "wage-cutting proposal. It warned that "incalculable disaster" would follow if the report were enacted into law.

Spokesmen for the Buffalo Teachers Federation and Chairman Charles J. McDonough of the Board of Education agreed there was little chance classes for Buffalo's 72,000 public school pupils would resume tomorrow.

McDonough, whose board was designated by Republican Mayor Bernard J. Dowd as the agency to negotiate on the teachers' demand for a \$1,025 annual salary increase, met with Federation representatives last night. Today he declined comment on the outcome of the conference, however, and added that "as of this minute, it is safe to say the schools will not reopen tomorrow."

Federation President Raymond J. Ast said he had nothing to report on last night's meeting.

"As far as the teachers are concerned," a Federation spokesman said, "there is no change in the situation and the schools will not open tomorrow."

As changes of early settlement faded, Chairman Joseph R. Manch of the Federation's salary committee warned that striking teachers are deserting the profession for higher-paid jobs in other fields.

Manch said each day the Buffalo strike is prolonged "the fewer

teachers there will be here when the schools open again."

Ast accused the city of "official buck-passing" and added that teachers "have been fooled by political promises too long."

Demand Dewey Scrap Pay Report

The CIO Teachers Union here yesterday demanded that the report of Gov. Dewey's special committee on education be scrapped, terming it a "calamitous wage-cutting program."

The union's executive board wired Dewey, the members of the committee and the majority and minority leaders of the Legislature and warned them "incalculable disaster" would result if the proposed salary schedules are enacted into law.

The union has been pressing for a strike vote by New York teachers for the \$1050 wage increase sought by all teacher groups.

The board also wired the AFL Teachers Guild welcoming its action in supporting the CIO's call

Hartley Reveals Plan To Scuttle Wagner Act

WASHINGTON, March 2.—Chairman Fred A. Hartley disclosed tonight that his House Labor Committee staff is drafting six drastic revisions of the Wagner Act. At the same time Hartley listed 62 unions whose representatives will be brought here to face smear charges of alleged racketeering.

Hartley declared that a majority of the committee has approved Wagner Act changes which include employer "freedom of speech" and a ban on mass picketing.

Sen. Wayne L. Morse (R-Ore.), a member of the Senate Labor Committee, revealed meantime that he is preparing a "liberalized" version of amendments to the Wagner Act. They include outlawing of mass picketing and secondary boycotts.

Morse said he expects to introduce them this week. Morse's "liberal" amendments match the House Committee's proposals.

FAVOR OPEN SHOP

The 62 unions, whose representatives will be brought here under the House Committee's newly granted subpoena power if necessary, include both national and local bodies of CIO and AFL unions. Among them are the CIO United Automobile Workers, several locals of the AFL Teamsters and CIO Steelworkers, the Philadelphia unit of the CIO American Newspaper Guild and the American Federation of Radio Artists in Hollywood.

Mass picketing and slowdowns are some of the "abuses" with which these unions are charged.

Other Wagner Act changes which Hartley's committee is drafting are a ban on jurisdiction disputes, prohibition of secondary boycotts and making unions liable in court for breaches of contract.

Hartley also revealed that a majority of his committee favored other changes which were not being drafted as yet because they are very "controversial." These include ending the closed shop and industrywide bargaining.

Daily Worker Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, March 2.—Scheduled for Senate action this week are rent control, the OPA death sen-

tence bill, and the first of the anti-labor measures.

The last-named is S.70, the Senate version of the portal-to-portal bill which the House adopted Friday and which was scheduled to reach the Senate floor this week. But the Senate, busy with budget debate, does not expect to reach it now until Monday.

The rent bill has no number as yet. Introduced by Sen. C. D. Buck (R-Del.) it boosts rents 10 percent, removes ceilings on new houses, retains rent control until Dec. 31, but takes from OPA the authority to enforce it. Approved by a three to two vote in the Banking & Currency Subcommittee, the legislation will be considered by the full committee about Thursday.

LABOR HEARINGS

The deficiency appropriations bill, which in its present form ends OPA and the Office of Temporary Contracts by June 30, will reach the Senate floor Wednesday according to an official of the Senate Appropriations Committee. The Senate bill restores some of the funds snatched from OPA by the House last week but requires they be used to liquidate the agency's activities.

The Senate Labor Committee will continue hearings next week on a number of repressive anti-labor laws, witnesses include several representatives of labor, including John L. Lewis who will testify Friday. The bulk of witnesses will be industrialists and other anti-labor elements.

CURRAN REPORTED READY TO SCALE DOWN WAGE BID

Joseph Curran, president of the CIO National Maritime Union (NMU), yesterday expressed readiness to scale down wage demands for maritime workers in order to help American shipping firms compete with foreign outfit.

In an interview published in the New York Times Curran declared he thought working conditions should be improved when the present maritime contracts expire on June 15, rather than fighting for a big boost in wages. The main contention of the shipowners against wage increases has been that the standards sought by maritime unions make it difficult for the shipping firms to compete with foreign rivals.

At present the NMU's demand for a 25 percent wage increase is being arbitrated. The demand was raised under a wage-review clause in the present contract and was opposed by the shipowners.

"Mr. Curran emphasized," the Times story said, "that he was not advocating any 'backtracking' right now, but instead of a big jump in wages this year he thought longer vacation time, a 40-hour week and welfare measures should be sought for the next contract, which would go into effect June 15."

The Times story also attributed to Curran an admission that foreign competition might force a cut in freight rates "leaving our (the shipowners') operating costs too high for competition."

"He (Curran) pointed out," the Times story added, "that high wage scales were of little use to men who had to sit on the dock and watch idle American ships."

In his interview Curran also presided his factional fight against three NMU national officers, secretary Ferdinand Smith and vice presidents Joseph Stack and Howard McKenzie. He declared that he was in a fight to the finish against this group, which, he said, was seeking to maintain "a constant state of turmoil in the maritime industry."

He also let go with a piece of red-baiting which has become typical of him in the past few months, asserting "it is time this union was divested of ideologies."

Mine, Mill Meet Maps Wage Drive

Special to the Daily Worker

WATERBURY, Conn., March 2.—More than 150 delegates, representing almost every Connecticut local of the CIO, Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers today attended the union's wage conference and mapped a program for wage raises.

Homer Wilson, Eastern vice-president of the MMSW noted that the large majority of the district's 30,000 workers under contract were represented. Thereby he added, they repudiated the red-baiting secessionists who at that very moment were picketing the Elton Hotel where the conference was held.

The state wage conference called by the MMSW in January was broken up by secessionists who made it the starting point of their movement. The national program for a 25-cent an hour raise, and improvements in Connecticut brass contracts, were approved. Four delegates were elected to the MMSW's national wage policy committee.

Spokesmen pointed out that the heaviest representation came from locals which were claimed in the secessionists in their widely-publicized press releases. John J. Driscoll and John J. Mankowski, deposed former leaders of the district now heading the secession movement, were vigorously denounced by delegates for "serving the bosses" and planning their moves just as

wage negotiations were to get underway.

MMSW spokesmen declared here that a story of secession of "25 locals" of the union in the midwest area is "preposterous." Angelo Verdi, minority board member of the area who leads the secession movement there was suspended. His own large East St. Louis local repudiated him. Nor has he made any inroads among the 2,000 members in the Upper Michigan copper mining area who remain loyal to the union.

The secession "coup" was arranged secretly with small groups, mainly from tiny locals in Verdi's area, MMSW leaders said. They confidently expect the decision to be reversed when the membership of those affiliates, totaling about 800 to 1,000, hear the union's side.

HOSTILE HOUSE BODY HEARS ALLIS-CHALMERS STRIKERS

By Rob F. Hall

WASHINGTON, March 2.—Two Milwaukee Allis-Chalmers strikers Saturday faced the hostile questioning of the House Labor Committee for four grueling hours in a futile effort to secure Congressional aid to in bringing the ten-month-old strike to an end.

Repeatedly they insisted that the charge of Communist domination of their local, No. 248 of the UAW-CIO, was a smokescreen raised by the notoriously anti-labor corporation to conceal the real strike issues.

These are an 18½ cent wage increase, union maintenance, and continuation of the old procedure for adjusting grievances.

The two strikers were Robert Buse, president of the local, and Harold Christoffel, former president and member of the union's board.

THOMAS TESTIFIES

Their demands were warmly supported by R. J. Thomas, vice president of UAW, designated by the top policy committee of the union to take charge of the Allis-Chalmers negotiations. "What has communism got to do with the request for an 18½ cent per hour increase?" Thomas demanded of the committee.

All three of the witnesses urged the House labor group to recommend settlement of the strike through arbitration.

"If the company should agree, our members will return to work immediately," Buse said. "That has been the union's position before and during the strike."

"If the company should continue to refuse then we respectfully suggest that this committee call upon President Truman to establish a fact-finding committee to investigate the merits of both parties' claims."

The union members would return to work immediately upon the establishment of fact-finding machinery by Truman, Buse said.

HOSTILE QUESTIONS

Although the company has persisted in its refusal to submit the strike issues to arbitration, Buse asserted, he believed the prestige and standing of the House labor committee would have an effect on the Allis-Chalmers management.

About 11,000 members were employed in the Milwaukee plant when the strike was called April 30, 1946. Management has succeeded in keeping the plant in partial operation with 3,000 employees, according to testimony.

The labor spokesman kept the

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Negro Veteran Wins Fight Against Eviction

By John Hudson Jones

A Negro family has won the right to live at 250 W. 16 St., an otherwise all-white house and neighborhood. After previously refusing payments from Negro veteran James Jackson, Wm. Cruikshank's Sons, 49 Wall St., accepted the \$17 monthly rent from Mrs. Louise Jackson. A paid receipt was given her by Victor Lalli, secretary of the firm, in the presence of newspapermen and representatives of the United Negro and Allied Veterans, and the Chelsea Tenants and Consumers League.

William Vila, a white veteran living in the three room apartment of the cold water tenement, had heard of the plight of Jackson who was separated from his wife and six months old baby Yvonne. Mrs. Jackson was in Baltimore and Jackson, a UNAVA member was living and working in New York.

Vila has found an apartment in Queens, so he invited the Jacksons to move in the 16th Street place. They were there for a short time, until A. B. Sumner, on behalf of the landlord, came on Jan. 24, and demanded they vacate.

FEAR SAFETY

Several of the white neighbors began to pass insulting remarks. Several times their name plate was taken from the mailbox. Mrs. Jackson became fearful for herself and the baby's safety. Jackson worked during the day as a longshoreman in New Jersey.

He informed UNAVA of the situation, and a petition was promptly circulated in the house. Three-fourths of the tenants signed declaring they had no objection to the Negro family. Sumner still demanded the apartment, claiming that Vila had acted in bad faith by not notifying him of the exchange. The insults continued, and on Feb. 9, Walter Garland, UNAVA executive officer informed the police at the 10th Precinct of possible danger to the family. They should let something happen and then make a complaint, he was advised.

COMMUNITY ACTION

At the same time community groups began to take up the case. Some of them were the Ladies Auxiliary of the National Maritime Union; the American Labor Party; the Chelsea Tenants and Consumers League; the Civil Rights Congress; and the Communist Party. White housewives called on Mrs. Jackson every afternoon and accompanied her when she went shopping.

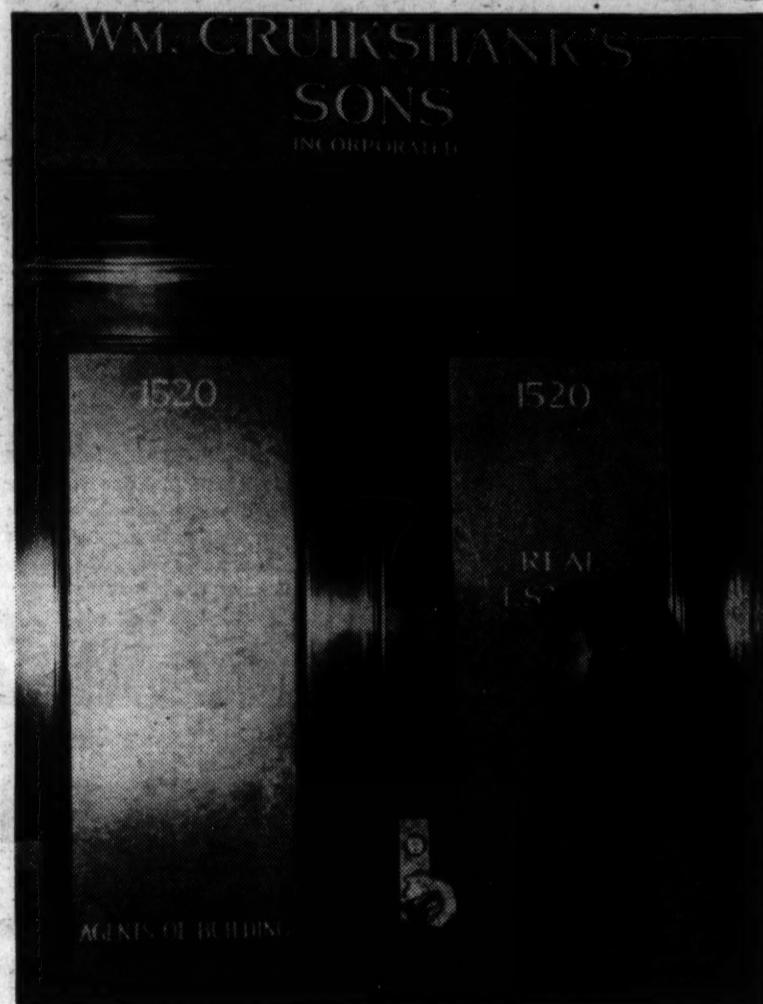
All this time Sumner refused to accept rent from the Jackson, but took it from Vila. He told the Daily Worker, in a telephone conversation, when informed of the threats to the Jacksons, "I think it's bad, but they've got to get out."

On Feb. 26, a delegation went to see Lalli at his Wall St. office. Present were Mrs. Irene Mack of the Chelsea group; Theodore Landau, CRC; Rudolph Israel of UNAVA, Charles Ferguson Post, and Vila. After discussing the situation Lalli said he was not aware of its real nature and had only known about it for two weeks. He saw no particular problem, and said, that the firm "has no objections as long as they are good tenants and pay their rent."

VICTORY
It was agreed that Vila and Mrs. Jackson would come back with a letter acknowledging formal transfer of the apartment. This was done yesterday.

Thomas also was subjected to persistent questioning on his political beliefs and affiliations. He said he disagreed with the Communists because he favors continuation of private enterprise while they propose socialism.

He told Nixon that he had helped write into the UAW constitution a provision barring Communists from holding office in the union, but he vigorously objected to Nixon's proposal for a law to give employers the right to discharge Communists from jobs.



The door was opened, and Mrs. Jackson (above) finally paid the rent to the balky landlord's agent.

GANLEY RAPS 'OUTSIDE' RED-BAITERS' INTERFERENCE

Special to the Daily Worker

DETROIT, March 2.—"Outside interference" not an "inside job" brought his defeat for the post of business agent in the recent election of Local 155, CIO United Automobile Workers, Nat Ganley declared in a statement here.

Ganley, a well-known Communist, said that his successor, Ernest Marion, will have his full cooperation. Governor Sigler was in the forefront of outside forces, Ganley said, quoting his statement in the Feb. 14 Detroit News in which he said:

"I want to give the right kind of support to anti-Communist union leaders. . . ."

"In face of this outrageous barrage," said Gantley, "it is gratifying to me that John Anderson, Joe York, James Gill and Steve Ryan

on the administration ticket won the election.

"What we need is a progressive and militant unity of our union membership against those outside reactionary forces, so that we can win the 23½ cents wage increase and beat back the flood of anti-labor bills in Congress and in Lansing."

"Remember: Red-baiting is not an end in itself. It is only the means for destruction of American trade unions."

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THIS week is Negro Newspaper Week—Feb. 28 to March 7—sponsored by the Negro Newspaper Publishers Association and marking the 120th anniversary of the Negro press.

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And as the Negro people's struggle for democratic rights becomes sharper, their press has increasingly fought for a unified movement.

Like all vigorous American institutions, the Negro press has not been without its critics both from without and from within. It has been smeared by frightened Negro haters, while some of the more timid souls have found it too agitative. And many, not without cause, have sometimes winced at sensational angles.

Nevertheless, in that community that can boast of a Negro newspaper democracy is never a dead word.

The traditions have been great. Douglass, Abbott, Dabney and Trotter are names that stand alongside and sometimes above Pulitzer, Greeley, Dana and Steffens.

This week's theme is "The Negro Press and the New Day Ahead." Of one thing there can be no doubt, the Negro people will fight for and win a new day—the bigger and better their press the sooner it will come.

Undermining the Constitution

SCRATCH a professional red-baiter, and you'll always find a gent who despises the American Constitution and its Bill of Rights.

We have new evidence of this in the scheme cooked up by Rep. J. Parnell Thomas, GOP chairman of the House Un-American Committee, and side-kick of the rabid Rankin of Mississippi.



THOMAS

Thomas wants a new super-governmental police agency that will be beyond the scope of the Constitution, the Bill of Rights or the courts.

This spy agency will be empowered to fire any government employe suspected of "disloyalty." No trials, no proofs, no evidence will be necessary.

And no appeal will be permitted.

The House Un-American Committee thus confesses that it wants to end political liberty under the guise of hunting "disloyalty."

But what is "disloyalty"?

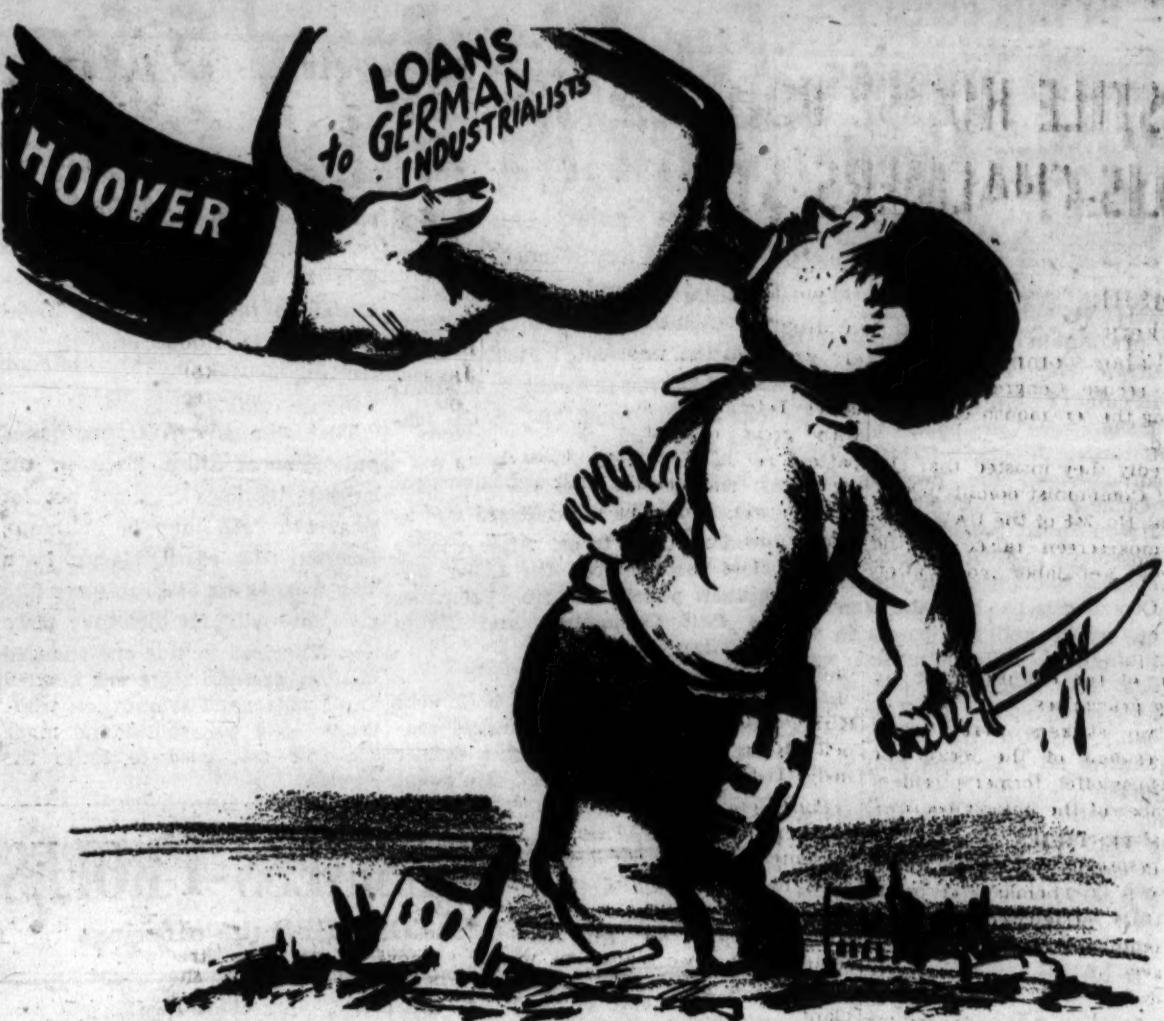
There has never been a single progressive American idea which has not been called "disloyal" by democracy's enemies. Washington was called "disloyal" (as indeed he was to monarchism). So were Jefferson, Lincoln, Roosevelt.

The red-baiters in Washington are determined to foment a mythical war scare, a strictly phony atomic spy scare, and a "red menace" bogey. Their goal is to justify their murder of the American Constitution and the Bill of Rights.

The Thomas super-police scheme would be a forerunner of similar terrorist bodies throughout the nation. It would be the beginning of American fascism.

The Thomas super-police attack on the Constitution adds still one more reason why decent Americans of all creeds ought to get together to abolish this un-American conspiracy masking itself as a congressional committee.

HOOVER'S BABY



Press Roundup

Trib Sees Tough Job in Taking on Britain's Role

THE HERALD TRIBUNE finds the proposed credit to Greece is just the immediate question. "The fundamental question is whether we wish to accept from the British the inheritance of all the military, economic and diplomatic problems of the Middle East." Since the British claim the Russians threaten their interests in the middle east, the Trib reminds us that we'll have to take over that anti-Soviet responsibility. "Americans must, therefore, ask themselves whether they should regard this (Russian interests) as a threat to their own security." The Trib is also sensitive to the fact that while we "talk of holding the 'democratic line' in Turkey and Greece and the Arab countries, "such talk is 'misleading.' Democracy is . . . not a present reality" in those regions. Of course the Trib doesn't point out that no one had to twist Standard Oil Co's arm to take over the oil resources of the Middle East.

PM'S Saul K. Padover recalls that all the British achieved in Greece "was a continuation of the civil strife, a perpetuation of dictatorship, and a nationwide hatred for themselves. Now we are asked urgently to become a voluntary heir to this particular mess."

Florence LaGuardia notes that while New York state has an anti-usury law, limiting interest to 6 percent, "we also have the 'swine' law, which permits 30 percent interest on small loans."

THE TIMES' Mallory Browne cables a direct appeal to America to assume Britain's "old role." In the last analysis he says, the issue is "the Soviet threat." How a country which lost 7,000,000 dead, 25,000,000 homes destroyed, and still managed to destroy 80 percent of the common enemy, threatens us is not explained. In an adjoining column, managing editor Edwin L. James suggests that the U. S. may become a fourth partner to the Anglo-Russian, Anglo-French and Franco-Russian treaties. He hopes "the treaties can serve to cure some of the suspicion that now exists."

Let's Face It

THE ALP'S RECORD GROWTH

by Max Gordon

A LOT OF POLITICIANS have been puzzled by the record enrollments of the American Labor Party in 1945 and 1946. They have not been able to figure out why it hit 223,000 in the city in '45, or 30,000 better than in 1944 even though there was a drop in total registration of voters by a third.

Now could they understand the reason for the fact that last October the city registration hit a quarter of a million, which is about 10,000 more than the ALP ever before enrolled in the entire state.

And as upstate figures come rolling in, they show the same sort of jump taking place in every county where the results are known.

I THINK EVENTS during this legislative session offer a clue for this hike in the number who signed up for the Labor Party in the past couple of years.

I doubt whether there has even been, at least in modern times, so much popular agitation and ferment around state legislative issues as there has been during this session. Five thousand-man delegations have hit the State Capitol during the past three weeks on a variety of issues, and the end is not yet.

This ferment reveals that more and more people are becoming aware of the intimate tie-up between politics and the things they want and need. They are beginning to understand politics in terms of issues and not simply parties and candidates.

And so they are beginning to turn to the party which bases itself on program and issues, and not on patronage, individual power and corporate wealth.

AS PEOPLE turn away from the two major parties and seek independent political expression, they also turn to organized action to express their political demands. And as more of them swing into organized action, they strengthen the independent political forces both in organization and influence.

Over the past three years, the ALP has emerged as the authentic and consistent voice of the great mass of citizens who are

pressuring the Legislature for progressive action. Its representatives have carried the ball at times alone on many key issues. It has been able to influence the course of events indirectly because half a million voters and a powerful section of the organized labor movement stand behind its representatives.

Its pressure, for instance, has kept the Democrats in line for progressive measures though there are plenty of members of that party in the Legislature not at all happy about it.

One progressive Democratic legislator admitted to me the other day that there have been sharp differences within the Democratic caucus, with some members shying away from a progressive position, but they have been kept in line by the threat of the ALP men emerging as the sole voice of progress on the issues involved.

Sen. Kenneth Sherbell and Assemblyman Samuel Kaplan took the lead in the most dramatic incident of the session, the battle against Gov. Dewey's ban on the housing delegation two weeks ago. Democrats, put on the spot by the ALP offensive, took up the ball but only after an hour-long caucus in which there were varying opinions as to what their position should be.

IN THE NEXT couple of weeks, the final ones of the session, Sherbell and Kaplan are due to take the lead in the fight for a progressive tax program, emergency housing, decent pay for public workers, a permanent child care set-up, etc.

On top of that, they are out in front against a series of anti-labor measures, such as the Condon-Wadlin bill to penalize public workers for striking, and repressive election laws designed to tighten the grip of the political machines.

Yet with all the strides made, it is obvious the ALP spokesmen in the Legislature will have to get far wider backing in the future from labor and liberal organizations; if their actions are to be decisive in actually realizing the kind of program the people want.

— IN THIS CORNER —
**Smith Stymies
 Yanks; About
 Howie and Hank**

By Bill Mardo

NEGRO STARS continue to make the Yankees look sick in early exhibition games. Latest case in point was that Saturday shindig in Caracas, Venezuela, where the Bombers didn't detonate and lost 4-3 to Vargas. Hilton Smith, powerful righthander who used to steal some of Satchel Paige's spotlight with the Kansas City Monarchs, held the Yanks to one single and two passes in five innings of brilliant mound work. And Ray Dandridge, one of the greatest infielders in Negro baseball, unloaded the triple which touched off a two-run rally in the fourth.

There's a moral to this story, isn't there, friends? Start that campaign rolling, NOW, and let's get those Dandridges and Smiths and all the other Negroes of big league ability just there—into the big leagues.

HOWIE POLLET, who teams up with Cat Brecheen to give St. Louis the most feared one-two southpaw hill punch in the older loop, finally came to terms with Tightwad Breadon. The 21-game winner did not reveal any terms, just called the salary "satisfactory."

HANK GREENBERG stepped into a National League uniform Saturday for the first time in his long career, made toward the Bucs' batting cage in Miami, but was held up for many minutes by Florida's younger set. So far as the kids are concerned, there was only one guy who could ever fill the void left by The Babe . . . and his name is still Hank Greenberg.

And Flatbush fans who never did like that long hike up to Yankee Stadium to catch Hank with the invading Tigers, are happy now that they can catch the great slugger of a sunny afternoon when the Pirates are at Ebbets Field.

WHILE WE'RE on the court scene, let's take note of that narrow 55-53 squeak Notre Dame had with Northwestern Saturday night. Kevin O'Shea's field goal in the last 40 seconds did it, after an Irish uphill second half to overcome the Wildcat's lead . . .

KENTUCKY capped the South-eastern Conference title with a 55-38 win over that surprising Tulane quint . . . NAVY capped its brilliant court season with its 64-42 rout over the classic rivals from West Point.

FRANK DIXON is down with dysentery and that may be the tipoff to his poor board showings this season. . . . Despite Frank's absence, however, NYU's track team went on to take the IC4A meet Saturday night and permanent possession of the cup . . . Moon Mondschein, Irv to you, cracked the IC4A high jump record with a leap of 6 feet, 7 and one quarter inches . . . GIL BODDIE ran a slow 9:10.1 two-mile win over Tommy Quinn and Forest Efaw . . . while Les Mac-Mitchell's gallant comeback fell short by a whisker of overtaking Eddie Walsh in the special 1,000.

HERBIE KRONIWITZ takes over for ailing George Abrams against Artie Levine at the Garden Friday nite. And elsewhere in the light-heavy ranks, Ezzard Charles is asking a title shot at Gus Lesnevich. This slim Negro boxer-cloutier from Cincinnati, by the way, is really the goods. . . . So much so, that he has to tackle the bigger boys in the heavy division to make money. Ask talented Jimmy Bivins, who bowed to Ezzard some months ago . . . or the so-called "Hatchet-Man" clanging for a shot at Louis, one Curtis Sheppard, who was quietly kayoed in three rounds by mister Charles half a year ago . . .

Fur Joint Board 5 Stays Atop Labor League With Its Eighth Straight Victory Over JC 'B'

Action galore and good basketball keynoted the Labor Hoop quadruple-header Saturday night at Seward Park gym, with the undefeated Furriers Joint Board staying that way in subduing Fur Joint Council "B" in the feature attraction.

In racking up their eighth straight win, 44-24, the Joint Board was as good as it had to be. After a fairly close first quarter, the Labor beatens pulled away from their foes as Phil Gevisenheit and Ralph Krichlow led the way.

AYD and TWU, which both went into the game with identical season records of 6-2, put on a thriller before the speedier AYD five swept

ahead to a ten-point lead in the second half. Although TWU was able to keep high scoring Mark Goroff to ten points, Jack Ziebel and Tino Sala took over the offensive.

That win gave AYD undisputed possession of third place in the League standings . . . but not for long. In one of the nitecaps, Emerson UE edged Macy's in a ding-dong battle 51-50 to move into a tie with AYD for that third place slot. The lead in this one changed 12 times and the score was knotted 50-all with seven seconds left when Vinnie Reig was fouled and made the free toss good to settle the verdict.

And so Emerson, with its 7-2 record, continues to be the big sleeper in the Labor tourney . . . John Scarfo and Reig were high men for the winners with 11 each, while Macy's was passed by Bill Simmis with 14 and George Christian's 12 tallies.

And the other half of the nitecap saw the once-braten Fur Floor Local 125 crew come back from that midweek upset by Gimbels, to trip a stubborn Furriers Joint Council "A" team, 39-31. The game was stiffly contested throughout and the Council crew, while succeeding in keeping Herbie Robinson down to nine points, couldn't get any of their own scorers loose.

Nonetheless Joint Council did manage to come within three points of Local 125 with two minutes left to play. But Sylvester Fields hit for two successive sets and Honey King came through with a left handed hook shot to sew it up.

Fields' 12 points and Robinson's nine paced the winners . . . while Irv Youngerman, Jesse Greenberg and Al Hirsch shared the scoring honors for the losers whose record now read 6-3.

Bad weather kept the crowd down at the Seward gym, and the small proceeds will be used to fight the notorious Jimcrow ban in the American Bowling Congress.

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Music In Review

New Shostakovich Trio

By Murray Chase

The Shostakovich Trio, Opus 67, which aroused much favorable comment when it was heard in a radio broadcast here a few months ago, has been made available on records.

Compass, the New York firm, has imported the original USSR recordings by Shostakovich and two members of the top-rank Beethoven String Quartet (Compass C-102).

The Trio is part of the War Cycle of the Soviet composer. In addition to the Trio, this cycle includes his three latest symphonies.

The work is dedicated to Ivan Sollertinsky, the music critic who died during the war, and is a more personal expression than the symphonies. The four movements vary in mood but are unified by a deep sadness which never becomes maudlin. The Finale is based on two Jewish dance themes, a reference to Sollertinsky's origin.

Shostakovich's playing of the piano part is sympathetic. His virtuoso technique gets a play, but the total effect is of fine team work with the strings.

The final side of this set offers Shostakovich's solo performance of two of his own Piano Preludes in E minor and G minor.

ON THE HOT SIDES

Keynote adds two hot discs to its list with George Barnes and Sextet in Quiet-Two Gibsons at Work and Blue Lou (K-646) and Joe Thomas and Band in Black Butterfly and You Can Depend on Me (K-642). Under Harry Lim's supervision, Keynote continues to maintain a good standard in this field.

U.S.-SOVIET CONCERT

The American-Soviet Music Society presented the first of a series of three concerts at Times Hall last weekend.

Russian music was represented by the Shostakovich Second String Quartet, Opus 69, in its first New York concert performance, and the Prokofiev Violin Sonata in D.

On the American side there was a song group by Mordecai Bauman,



DIMITRI SHOSTAKOVICH

baritone, which included works by Charles Ives, Virgil Thompson, Douglas Moore and Marc Blitzstein, and the Second String Quartet by Walter Piston.

The program was representative and well-balanced and all the performances of high quality.

The work of the Society includes the publication of the American-Soviet Music Review and forums at which the audiences are acquainted with problems of our own and Soviet musicians.

FOR CHILDREN

Celeste is the story of a tune looking for an owner. Every tune in the city belongs to someone but poor Celeste has to go to live with the other orphans in the home of the horrible Mrs. Squeech. How the lonely tune finds someone to take her away is narrated by Victor Jory to the accompaniment of an orchestra under Ray Bloch. George Kleinsinger wrote the score; Paul Tripp the words (Signature C-1).

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Georgia Book-Burners Move To 'Get' Don West's Poetry

By Samuel Sillen

The fight against book-banning and book-burning is not limited to New York. It is nation-wide. The attack on Howard Fast's *Citizen Tom Paine* has a parallel in Georgia, where Don West's recent book of verse, *Clods of Southern Earth*, is under fire.

The forms of persecution may be different, but the purpose is the same. It is to outlaw progressive literature in America. Don West's excellent volume of verse attacks the white supremacists and speaks up for the workingman. It must therefore be kept from the people of Georgia, just as Howard Fast's effective portrait of Paine must be kept from the high school students of New York.

But of course the reactionaries in Georgia as in New York disguise their real reasons. In *Citizen Tom Paine* they found "purple passages." In *Clods of Southern Earth* they find grounds for a "libel suit."

And what are the grounds for this charge of "libel" which is be-

ing used to stifle freedom in Georgia? In one of his poems entitled "Harlan Coal Digger, 1934" Don West mentions a miner named Charlie Lewallen. This miner was shot in Harlan County during the clash between miners and operators in 1934.

But now another man named Charlie Lewallen has come into the picture, and the suit is being brought on his behalf. It is charged that he is libelled in the poem. The fact that he happens to come from Hall County, the fact that Lewallen is not an uncommon name in Georgia, the fact that West specifically refers to Harlan County none of that seems to matter.

A great hue and cry has been raised by the defenders of the "libelled" Charlie Lewallen.

This is a pretty far-fetched way of going about the persecution of a poet. The fact is, of course, that the reactionaries of Georgia never did like West and will stop at nothing to get him and his book.

Don West is a Baptist minister who was formerly superintendent of school at Tulsa, Ga., and is at present on the faculty of Oglethorpe University. A people's poet of stature, West has fought vigorously against the Talmadge forces in his state. In his poetry he movingly expresses the striving of the poor people of the South, Negro and white, for democracy.

and decency. He is a genuine force.

Nor does he stand alone in Georgia. Liberal-minded ministers, teachers and editors of the state are rallying to his defense. A committee has been formed and funds are being raised.

I have before me an editorial in the Macon, Ga., News, which describes the suit against Don West as "conceived in hatred by a few discredited and disgruntled elements in North Georgia... a continuation of attacks made upon him while he taught real democracy in the Tulsa school."

"The Don West idea of education," continues the editorial, "has been widely acclaimed by leading educators all over the country as an ideal that could well be emulated in all sections of America."

"Because Don West had the nerve and the support of his students to blaze a new idea of education among a people who had been for years the victims of narrow-minded school bosses, he has been the target for continued abuse as his opportunities widened and his abilities found reward in steady advancement in his chosen profession."

Don West's fight is the fight of free writers throughout the country. This is a major issue. It dramatizes the current pattern of attacks on democratic writing. The defense of Don West requires our utmost support.

Movies

Durbin's Sugary Farce



The Winter Garden is now housing Universal's *I'll Be Yours*, latest Deanna Durbin starring vehicle.

Even allowing for the fairyland atmosphere permitted in a farce, this story of a small-town girl who makes good financially and romantically in the big city is sugary, unfunny and totally unconvincing.

Little could be expected of the performers under such circumstances. Miss Durbin offers only slight promise as a comedienne and would do better to stick to her singing. That her voice retains all its old-time magic is amply demonstrated by her expert rendition of the three musical numbers allotted her.

Young Tom Drake merely goes through the motions in the male romantic lead while aging Adolph Menjou, cast as a lecherous rake, fails to lecher successfully. William Bendix is conspicuously wasted in the soggy role of Deanna's self-appointed protector from the wiles and wolves of Manhattan—S. K.

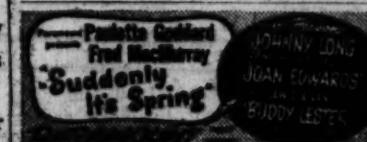


Louis Kaufman, the noted violinist, will feature a group of contemporary compositions at his annual Town Hall recital Friday evening March 14. Composers to be represented are Carnage Guarnieri, Brazilian; Darius Milhaud, French; William Grant Still, American.

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Eisenstein's 'Ivan' Opens at the Stanley March 8

Ivan the Terrible, epic historical drama of Czar Ivan IV, written, produced and directed by Sergei Eisenstein, noted director of Alexander Nevsky, Potemkin and Ten Days That Shook the World, will have its American premiere at the Stanley Theatre on Saturday, March 8.

The role of Ivan is played by Nikolai Cherkassov, star of Alexander Nevsky, Baltic Deputy and Peter I and important roles are played by Vsevolod Pudovkin, Mikhail Zharov, Alexei Buchma and Ludmilla Tselikovskaya.

Ivan the Terrible has an original musical score by Sergei Prokofiev and was photographed by Edward Tissé and Andre Moskvin. It was produced at the Alma Ata Studios and is released here by Arkin's Pictures, Inc.

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Daily Worker

New York, Monday, March 3, 1947

Former Nazi Consul At Liberty in N.Y.C.

Dr. Hans Borchers, former Nazi Consul General here who was deeply involved in the German spy system, is now living in this city at complete liberty. Borchers' presence in New York was exposed by Aufbau, German language weekly, which asserted that he was living at the residence of Dr. Carl Eggers at 850 Park Ave. Dr. Eggers, reported to be a friend of Borchers, is attached to the Lenox Hill Hospital. Repeated efforts to reach Dr. Eggers at his home yesterday for comment on the story failed.

Borchers is reported to have slipped into the city quietly, following a period of questioning in Washington on German war secrets. Allegedly he had been brought to this country by the federal Government for this purpose.

However, the fact that he has been allowed to move about with complete liberty remains to be explained. Borchers was the last Nazi consul in office here prior to the outbreak of war.

ESPIONAGE ROLE

He played an important role in the Nazi espionage setup in this country and was considered at least as prominent a figure as his colleagues, Dr. Hans Thomsen, the last German Ambassador in Washington, and the notorious Fritz Wiedemann in San Francisco. He was in control of such centers of Nazi activity as the German Library of Information, the Transocean News Service and the German Railroad Information Service.

Contrary to many other Nazi diplomats, Borchers managed to remain pretty much in the background. This did not prevent him from showing his loyalty to Hitler and to Nazi doctrine on every possible occasion.

In 1936 Borchers became Consul in Cleveland and in 1933 succeeded Dr. Otto Klep as German Consul General here. On July 16, 1941, he returned to Germany on the S.S. West Point. In October, 1942, he was seen in Santiago de Chile and in March of the following year he went, together with three other Nazi diplomats, from Buenos Aires to Bilbao. The last news of Borchers came from the American internment camp of Oberursel near Frankfort-on-the-Main, where he was one of the inmates in September, 1945.

Chicago Blast Rocks Loop

CHICAGO, March 2 (UP).—Two explosions levelled a three-story building on the edge of Chicago's Loop district today, hurled victims into the air, and shattered windows in stores and skyscrapers in a six-block area. The debris of glass and brick showered the area like a hail storm, injuring scores. The blasts were believed due to a gas accumulation in a small restaurant.

At least two persons were known killed and 50 injured, one seriously. The Red Cross reported three dead and the police said four were dead, but these figures could not be confirmed immediately.

ILG Dress Parleys Continue Here

Weekend conferences between employer and union representatives have diminished the possibility of a dress industry strike, according to officials of the AFL International Ladies Garment Workers Union.

New Albany March For School-Bias Bill

The third large-scale delegation in a week is due to hit the state capital tomorrow on behalf of the Austin-Mahoney Bill to end discrimination in education. Some 40 Protestant, Jewish, Negro and inter-racial civic organizations will be represented.

Last Tuesday a lobby of 1,000 young people came to Albany to ask for passage of the bill, and on Saturday 700 college students staged a similar pilgrimage.

At the initiation of the American Jewish Congress, representatives of the 40 organizations have banded themselves together in a Committee to End Discrimination in Education. Thus far they have been pressing quietly for passage of the measure.

Though Gov. Dewey has been anxious to evade any action on discrimination at this session of the legislature, pressure seemed to be successful last week when legislative leaders told members of the youth lobby they would favor the bill.

WATERED DOWN

This was before an attack on the measure by the Catholic Welfare Council, which apparently fears breaking down racial and religious barriers in education. Catholic leaders prefer to have Catholic youth go to religious schools.

The present bill is a watered-down version of an earlier draft which included a provision to end tax exemption for colleges that discriminate. The tax exemption feature has been eliminated in an effort to win wider support.

The bill as it stands establishes the principle of non-discrimination in education and sets up a special committee in the Department of Education to investigate and take action against non-sectarian colleges charged with discrimination. It can go to the courts to enforce its orders.

Other bills on discrimination include one by Assemblyman William T. Andrews (D-Man), which would bar restrictive covenants in buying or selling property. A measure by Assemblyman Julian Jack (D-Man) would prohibit discrimination in any urban development.

Housing Body Hits Mayor's Bill

The City Housing Authority yesterday condemned the bill to reorganize it, charging that it would place the agency's functions under political control.

In a scarcely-veiled reference to possible graft resulting from the reorganization, the members of the Authority pointed to the millions of dollars in contracts handed out by the agency. The members of the authority declared in their letter, sent to all state legislators, that they were not asking them to vote either for or against the measure.

The reorganization was demanded by Mayor O'Dwyer, who stated that he had no control over the Authority's actions, although he was responsible to get results.

Queens Citizens Protest Beating

More than 200 Corona citizens met Saturday night to protest the beating of their neighbor Leo Netteshon by a Nassau County policeman. Held at 101-17 Northern Blvd., the meeting heard speakers from several religious, political and community groups. A large contingent of police was present.

The speakers roundly condemned the attacks on the 60-year-old Negro business man as "outrageous" and baring the "Nassau police attitude toward Negroes."

Nettleton, proprietor of a Harlem music store, was attacked by officer C. J. Ferris of South Floral Park on the Tri-Boro Bridge Sunday Feb. 23. Ferris and a woman pulled him from his stalled car after a minor crackup, beat him and left him lying on the snow-covered bridge.

Nettleton addressed the meeting, which was chaired by Walter Reifer, Queens Negro Democratic leader. The audience sent telegrams to Nassau District Attorney James N. Gehrig and New York D.A. Frank Logan, demanding the arrest and prosecution of Ferris. Previous action in the case had been individual, but Saturday's meeting formed a Corona Civil Rights Congress to continue action in the case. About 50 joined the group.

Among the speakers were the Rev. George Hinton, Corona Congregational Church; the Rev. Theodore Garrison, St. Marks Church; the Rev. Crocker, First Baptist Church; Thomas Baker, Republican Party; Mitchell Heiter, American Labor Party; Dr. Bernard Bender, Communist Party, and Dorothy Langston, N. Y. Committee for Justice in Freeport.

Truman in Missouri

KANSAS CITY, Mo., March 2 (UP).—President Truman flew here from Washington today for a visit with his mother, Mrs. Martha E. Truman, 94, who is suffering from a fractured right hip.

N.Y. GUILD VOTES MONOPOLY PRESS EXPOSE

A weekend conference of the New York Newspaper Guild (CIO) ended yesterday with a program calling for a public investigation into monopoly control of the press.

Press distortions of the truth will be brought to the attention of the public and working newspapermen through forums, radio programs and other means, the conference decided. Almost every metropolitan paper came in for strong criticism for twisting the truth on labor and

other stories.

The meeting endorsed the program to block anti-labor legislation as worked out by the emergency New York CIO conference last week. The plan includes shop meetings on March 6, community actions, visits to Congressmen and mobilization for a mass meeting with Philip Murray as the main speaker, to be held some time between March 15 and 22.

Cooperative action will be sought with all other unions in the newspaper field on a shop and area scale.

An elaborate educational program was adopted to reach and involve all newspapermen in New York. Machinery was set up to unionize the few unorganized papers in the city.

A reception for Louis Ballant, secretary of the World Federation of Trade Unions, was tendered by the conference at the conclusion of the business session at Guild headquarters, 40 East 40th St.

Guest speaker at the afternoon session was Charles Hogan, acting chief of the information section of the United Nations.

BROADWAY BEAT

by BARNARD RUBIN

HERBERT MORRISON, the British Labor Party leader, is much sicker than has been publicly announced. Close associates fear for his life.

If Morrison dies, his death may have serious repercussions within the Labor Party. He has long been its brains.

TOWN TALK

Harold Russell, handless vet and star of *The Best Years Of Our Lives*, will receive the First Anniversary Award of Salute Magazine today at the Hotel Astor. Among those participating in the presentation will be Bill Mauldin, Fredric March, Salute publisher Jeremiah Ingersoll, and Elliott and Faye Roosevelt. . . .

Jane Russell is being sought for the lead in *Hunt Stromberg, Jr.'s The Girl from Minsky's*. . . .

Ingrid Bergman will discuss "Films as Ambassadors" for the New York Herald Tribune High School Forum Saturday, at the Waldorf. . . .

Leon Errol will be feted in recognition of his 46 years in show business by the west coast Lambs. . . .

Peter Lind Hayes' option has been picked up again by the Ford radio program for another three months. . . .

Dinah Shore conferring with other Hollywood notables on a plan to stage an annual Hollywood Mardi Gras similar to the New Orleans shindig. . . .

New York baseball telecasts rapidly lining up sponsors. Many believe that sponsored sportscasts will be the base on which the young television industry will grow. . . .

Bing Crosby's sponsor trying to peddle his transcribed show in Europe as well as South America. . . .

REVIEW-ETTE: BEGGAR'S HOLIDAY

Future socially conscious historians of the theater should, in my opinion, mark *Beggar's Holiday* as an important event in the history of the theater.

Not because *Beggar's Holiday* is the best of musicals—it's far from that. It does have Zero Mostel, who when let loose, could probably get a laugh even out of the late Calvin Coolidge. Also the sinuous, charming dancing of Avon Long whose *Sportin' Life*, in *Porgy and Bess*, helped make that lovely show. Also a very pretty set of dancing girls in the nicest sexiest costumes. Also Duke Ellington's music.

And that's about all—but that's not the point. What is the point is that until *Beggar's Holiday's* premiere, there had never been a commercial show in this country, which featured such a natural, unaffected and unostentatious mixing of Negro and white actors in its cast.

One of the three love interests of the hero (Alfred Drake) is a Negro girl—and she's treated exactly as the other two white girls. Negro actors play the parts of police chiefs, detectives, and leading members of the hero's gang. In no case are any of these characters caricatured any more than the whites—and the mixing is so natural that the audience, as the show rolls along, simply takes it for granted. Which, of course, is as it should be—but very seldom is.

The two evils are avoided. The Negro actors are not Jim-crowed. Neither are they patronized, nor—to mangle a word—esoterized. When Mostel clowns and hams it up with a Negro straight man, that straight man is treated no differently than a white actor would be in the same spot.

Best of all was the audience reaction. There was none. I tried to keep my ears open and floated around in the jammed lobby during intermission and found that the audience was accepting the precedent as naturally as it was presented. The show and the actors were being discussed—but only on their merits.

Beggar's Holiday is a holiday—from Jim-crow.

Love and kisses to all concerned. . . .

NEWSPAPER TALK

The Guild's World-Telegram contract means a 20 percent raise retroactive to December 13th, night differential of \$2.50 per week plus a shorter night side workweek. . . .

PM came through with offer of 20 percent up to \$75, and \$15 flat above that figure. They'll arbitrate the difference between the flat sum and 20 percent. Increases also retroactive. . . .

Brooklyn Eagle is stalling. . . .

The union won an arbitration decision at the Daily News giving vets clear cut right to full experience credit for time spent in armed services. . . .

Met star, Nadine Conner tells another. It's about the fellow who went out on a date with Siamese twins. When he returned his friend asked him: "Did you have a nice time?"

"Well," he replied, "yes and no". . . .

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